

Pacific Islander Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2007
Place: Granite School District Bldg. B
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Anapesi Kaili
Fisi Moleni Jr.
Bev Uipi

Excused:

Benjamin Au
C. Pomaika'I Gaui
Feleti Fred Matagi
Clifford Chase
C. Pomaika'I Gaui
Fotu Soliai
Julian M.F. Kau
Feleti Fred Matagi

Not Excused:

Tom F. Sitake
Selena Hunt

Office of Ethnic Affairs:

Fotu Katoa – Director of Pacific Islander Affairs
Laura Garcia

1. Welcome:

- Anapesi began the meeting at 6:00 p.m. by welcoming everyone in attendance.

2. Introductions:

- Introductions were made around the room. Everyone sounded very excited about the having a meeting about education.

3. Presentations:

- **Holly Perry** is a SLCC Academic Advisor. She spoke about **Concurrent Enrollment**. She talked about how she meets with the students on a one on one basis to talk about their options. Currently there are 900 students enrolled in Concurrent Enrollment. Concurrent Enrollment is a hot topic at the legislation. Information on hand outs were displayed to take.
- **Charlene Lui** is the Director of education Equity in the Granite School District. She explained what the **MESA Program** is all about and handed out more information on it. MESA= Math Engineering science Achievement. She mentioned that it is very important that the P.I. student pass the UBSCT. She showed the P.I. UBSCT results, only a 65% of 11th and 12th graders passed it. One out of four students will not graduate. Charlene showed data on the P.I. student enrollment counts also. She also showed other data information on the PI student.
- **Lola Peterson** is a SLCC Outreach Specialist. She spoke about and invited everyone to the **1st Annual P.I. High School College Day Conference at SLCC** on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is free and registration needs to be done by January 31, 2007.
- **Diana Bevan** is also a SLCC Outreach Specialist and she spoke about **Outreach Programs in SLCC**. She handed out a list of dates and times workshops for Financial Aid is available for the public and student. She also handed out “Entering Freshman Student Scholarship Information and Application Packet”, “The Guide to Federal Student Aid”, and a “Skills Center” booklet.
- **Mele Angilau** is the NTAS Education Director. She spoke about the Tu’ipelehake Scholarship. She also mentioned the things that are important to her, like the need to have more Pacific Islander remodels, and the importance of coming together. She mentioned that there are four risk factors that minority students face: race, being ES-having a second language, learning disability, “free & reduced lunches”.
- **Molonai Hola** is a Businessman/Scholarship Sponsor. **Fotu Katoa, Director of the Pacific Islander Affairs** excused Molonai from the meeting. Fotu gave an introduction of what the Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Pacific Islander Advisory Council does. He also mentioned that they will be partnering with the Dan Hola Educational Conference. Fotu also mentioned that the **Dan Hola Scholarship** is offered at the University of Utah and he gave some information of the scholarship.
- **Feleti Matagi** is the P.I. Program Coordinator/Advisor at the U of U. Anapasi excused Fred from coming to the meeting. He just wanted to talk about the U of U High School Conference.

- **Toanui Tawa** is a Maori Professor at the SUU. He wanted to speak about Appropriate/Inappropriate use of the Haka. He was not available to attend the meeting but his presentation will be tabled.

4. Discussion:

- **Scholarship & college entrance information: The concern is that many parents are struggling to fill out the scholarships.** The Educational Equity Office/Charlene will provide a room and time, to help parents and students fill-out the scholarships. Anapasi will find a place that is consistent for help on financial aid, scholarships, and tutoring by e-mailing the educators and working together on this issue.
- **Edwinna Kaio** is with the Samoan Heritage Board and mentioned that the education information needs to be brought up in Samoan and other languages because of the language barriers. Bev will work with the Samoan Representatives on the Pacific Islander Advisory Council to work with Edwinna on the communication barrier.
- Bev introduced her colleague, **Rebecca Sanchez** who is the Director of Diversity Affairs at Mayor Corroon's office. She is willing to work with the council in the future.

5. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.